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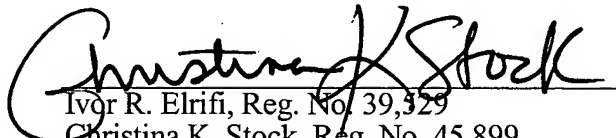
RESPONSE TO OCTOBER 28, 2003 OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action dated October 28, 2003, Applicants elect the invention of Group VI (claims 13-22, drawn to isolated nucleic acid molecules, vectors comprising nucleic acid molecules, and host cells comprising vectors, classified in class 435, subclasses 69.1 and 320.1). Applicants further elect subgroup ii.

With no extension of time, this response is due on or before November 28, 2003. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21402-290C (Cura-590C).

Respectfully submitted,

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated October 28, 2003, Applicants submit a preliminary amendment so that the claims correspond with elected Group VI, drawn to isolated nucleic acid molecules, vectors comprising nucleic acid molecules, and host cells comprising vectors, classified in class 435, subclasses 69.1 and 320.1, as well as elected subgroup ii.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.